

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

## A COLUMN OF NEWS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN

## And Put Into Short Paragraphs For Quick Reading By Busy People.

The mornings have been quite cool for some days.

Capt. J. J. Morris, of Lake City, was in Kingstree Monday.

Look out for the annual statement of the county Treasurer next week.

The office of Mr. S. McBride Scott has been painted and otherwise improved.

The heavy rains last week were gladly welcomed by the farmers who had oats heading, and young corn.

Rev. W. D. Moorer and Mr. Edwin Harper expect to leave to day for Wilmington to attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

The "Decoration Day" services will take place in the Court House at 4 o'clock p. m. next Monday. Let there be a large crowd present.

The Clerk of the Court has received copies of the acts of the recent session of the general assembly for distribution among the various officials of the county.

Owing to an error in the print last week, it was stated that Mr. P. B. Thorne had over one thousand logs at his mill, whereas it should have read over four thousand. Quite a difference.

The Supervisor has a notice in this issue of the County Record relating to plowing into the roads, which should attract the attention of those who practice this misdemeanor.

The coroner's jury in the case of Mr. M. C. Coker, who was killed at Cades last week, returned a verdict in accordance with the facts published in last week's County Record.

Mr. Arthur Benjamin, formerly of Kingstree, but now of Georgetown, is here visiting friends and relatives in town. Mr. Benjamin intends going to Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at an early date.

Mr. W. David Shaw, of Lake City, who attempted suicide last week, has almost entirely recovered from the effects of his wound, and will hardly suffer seriously any more from its effects.

Monday was salesday, but neither the clerk or the sheriff made any sales. The land advertised to be sold by the clerk that day was not offered for sale at all, and the sheriff had no sales to make. Magistrate Matthews sold a piece of land in Indian township in the case of S. Poston & Son, assignees, vs J. J. Altman to S. Poston for \$50.

One of the most enjoyable rides we ever took was the one while sitting in the foot of a buggy the seat of which was occupied by two of the fairest and most charming of Williamsburg's young daughters, last Monday afternoon. True, our position was not a very elevated one, and we were much cramped from lack of space, but this did not make the ride any the less delightful. Our course was over the road which leads to Greeleyville, across Black river, and we are real anxious for another like it.

Don't neglect to send in a good lot of flowers on Monday.

Let the old time rebel yell be heard once again on Monday.

There will be a dance at the Coleman House Monday night.

Quite a lot of vegetables have recently been shipped from here to the Northern markets.

There will be no services in either the Baptist, the Presbyterian or the Methodist churches next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Jarvis and wife went up to Wadesboro, N. C., on a visit last Tuesday. Mr. Jarvis expects to be back by Sunday.

The ladies particularly are invited to participate in decorating the graves of the Confederate dead. Be sure to attend next Monday.

Rev. S. P. Elwell will leave Saturday for Rock Hill, to deliver the annual memorial address before the York County Memorial Association.

Messrs. W. H. and J. W. Finklea, of Hyman, were in town on Monday, and attended the meeting of the Woodmen of the World Monday night.

We have arranged with several parties to correspond for us from different sections, and we hope soon to have several columns of county news every week.

We have already executed quite a number of orders for job printing, and feel that we need have no fear that our new departure will prove a success. Letter heads, envelopes, bill heads, statements, cards, etc., neatly printed on short notice.

We were the recipient of a most beautiful "Paul Neyron" rose, from Mrs. Louis Jacobs last week. The rose was one of the largest we have ever seen, measuring five inches across, and sixteen and one-half inches in circumference. It was cut from a bush which Mrs. Jacobs received direct from California, and which has produced quite a number of fine flowers already this season.

## DEATH OF MR. ABRAM EVANS.

Another of the Remaining Few Veterans Joins the Majority.

Mr. Abram Evans, who lived near Lynche's river, died very suddenly a few days ago. His remains were interred in High Hill cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Mr. Evans was a quiet inoffensive man, a good citizen, a consistent Christian. He served through the late war with all the unswerving fidelity of a true patriot. But he has fought his last battle and in triumph has crossed the cold sullen stream of death, to join those of his fellow comrades who yielded up their lives years ago in defence of their country. And as we record the departure of this gallant old soldier our heart is made sad by the reflection that all too soon the last of these battle scarred veterans—noble old heroes—will have gone the way of all the earth. On a new generation, whose hands are unused to the implements of war, will develop the duties which they so nobly performed. It is appropriate then that we who are of the aftermath consecrate ourselves to the unfinished work which they so nobly advanced, for each generation leaves to its successor an unfinished work.

## OTHER SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

## MORE NEGROES CAUGHT IN HAMPTON COUNTY.

## Supposed to Have Been Connected With the Salters Murder—A Reward.

Sheriff Daniel received a telegram from Estill, Hampton county, last Saturday stating that two negroes had just been arrested there who were supposed to be long to the party which murdered the two Italians near Salters on the night of April 17th. There were three men in a party at Estill, but one of them got away from the officers and avoided arrest. The man who escaped is described as being a yellow fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches high, weighing about 150 pounds. The men who were arrested claim that they had known the other negro almost a month, but did not know his name, simply calling him "Sam."

The men were carried to Hampton and lodged in jail. Mr. G. W. Arms went over to Hampton on Sunday and returned with the prisoners Tuesday morning. When arrested the men each had a 38-caliber revolver, and one of them had a razor, a 32-caliber Winchester rifle and a long-blade pocket-knife.

Mr. I. Cannon, of Strawberry, into whose store the supposed murderers did so much firing, came up Tuesday afternoon at the request of sheriff Daniel, for the purpose of identifying the prisoners. He says that they are not the men who were in his store some weeks ago. The negroes were interviewed by a reporter for the County Record Wednesday morning, and gave their names as Louis Gardner and Jim Williams. Gardner is a very dark brown fellow, about 5 feet 8 inches in height and weighs about 145 or 150 pounds. He says he was born and raised in Charleston; that he left there about three years ago and has worked at various places in Georgia since that time; the last being with Mr. Padden Porter, at Cloy, Ga., that he and Williams left Cloy Friday morning to visit some friends at Estill and were arrested there Saturday. He worked on the chain-gang in Effingham county, Ga., from January, 1896, till February, 1897. Gardner said he was then known as John Edwards. Williams said he was an Alabamian, had been in Georgia for several years; he and Gardner had worked at Mr. Porter's together, etc., his tale corroborating Gardner's. Williams is a black man about six feet in height, weighs about 145 pounds, and is about 30 years of age. He has a scar about 2 x 1 1/2 inches in size, caused from a burn, on the right arm, just below the elbow.

The rifle taken from the negroes is in good condition, but shows signs of having been used quite a good deal. Williams' pistol is one of the Iver Johnson Aams Co's. make with a six-inch barrel, in excellent condition. The cylinder will take five 38 calibre cartridges. Gardner's "shooting-iron" is a Harper & Allen short-barrel, 38-calibre five shot revolver and is in a very battered condition. The razor was an old one, but had a keen edge. The knife was only an ordinary, long-bladed one, and was in pretty fair condition. The negroes will be kept

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## THE LAST CALL.

A Strong Petition to Every Resident of Williamsburg.

By universal custom, the 10th of May, being the anniversary of the death of "Stonewall" Jackson, has been set apart for the holy purpose of decorating the graves of our deceased Confederate heroes.

The ladies of Kingstree have heretofore annually performed this sacred task, but for the ensuing anniversary it has been determined to invite all of Williamsburg county to participate.

Mr. E. C. Dennis, the scholarly principal of the Kingstree academy, has kindly volunteered the assistance of his school, and the pupils are now daily rehearsing their patriotic songs and recitations under the instructions of the accomplished assistant, Miss Kate Lee Dickson.

Col. James McCutchen has been invited, and has consented to preside over the meeting. Rev. J. E. Dunlop will deliver an oration, and everybody who has ever had the pleasure of listening to that gentleman knows what a treat there is in store.

Commandant D. E. Jordan, of Camp Pressley, United Confederate Veterans, has issued an invitation to the survivors to attend, and it is hoped that many of them will find it convenient to do so, and pay honor to their dead comrades.

The Lake City Light Dragoons have been asked to join in the parade and fire a military salute and we trust Capt. Morris will see his way clear to accept this invitation.

The programme has been published in the last issue of the County Record, and the members of the committee are requested to meet at once, and make the necessary arrangements for the performance of the labor of love which has been assigned to them.

We make this appeal to the ladies of Williamsburg county, to contribute as many flowers as can be conveniently sent in on Monday morning. A committee will receive all such donations at the store of Mr. Louis Jacobs.

Confederate survivors should turn out in full force next Monday.

## LOST!

An editor's son, a small boy, about the size of a man, barefooted, with his fathers shoes on; had an empty bag on his back containing two railroad tunnels and a bundle of auger holes; as a rule he walks with a 13-em stick and wears a ready-print coat with stereotyped paddings. He is crosseyed at the back of his neck, and his hair is cut curly, he was born after his elder brother, his mother being present at the occasion. His form is well made up and would justify you in chasing him. Be cautious, as he carries a shooting-stick. When last seen he was on his way to the County Record office, where he intended having some first-class job printing done, as that is the place to get good work at very low prices.

Smoke "Pride of Darlington" tobacco grown in South Carolina and manufactured in Darlington. For sale by W. G. Elwell, Manager.

## LAKE CITY NEWS.

## MATTERS OF INTEREST OCCURRING THERE

From Day to Day, Gathered and Put Into Readable Shaps by a Record Reporter.

Mr. Colin G. Shaw, of the Hartsville Messenger, spent two days in town last week with his brother William. D. Shaw.

Miss Mollie Blackwell left last Tuesday evening for Darlington, where she expects to spend a week or ten days with relatives and friends.

There has been about 600 crates of strawberries shipped from here this season and it is likely that two or three hundred more will be shipped. This speaks well for the strawberry planters of this place.

Mr. B. F. Jones, of Lynchburg S. C. was in town last Tuesday, Mr. Jones is an old citizen of Lake City, but moved from here Lynchburg several years ago.

Mess S. Godwin and J. M. Kennedy have put up a saw mill about three miles below town. They are enterprising young men and we wish them much success in their new enterprise.

Quite a number of Lake Citizens went on a fishing expedition to Lynches river last Friday night, which was highly enjoyed by them all, to the extreme coolness of the night they caught only one fish.

Prof. Ackerman is practicing his young pupils for the commencement exercises in June.

Rev. S. J. Betha, C. H. Clyde, and Mess J. B. McCutchen, R. E. Morris, H. C. Godwin, Ralph Joyner and P. M. Moody of this place attended the district conference of the M. E. church South at Timmonsville last week.

The Baptist will give an ice cream festival at the tobacco ware house on the night of the 14th for the purpose of raising money to buy a new organ for the Baptist church at this place. The public is cordially invited to be present and participate.

We are glad to see Mr. Shaw out on the street again.

Mr. J. H. Blackwell left last Tuesday evening for Columbia to attend a meeting of the directors of the Penitentiary.

## INDIAN TOWN.

This section was visited by a very heavy rain on Friday 30th. Grass was quite vigorous before but will take on new life since the rain.

Corn is is exceedingly small, and a very bad stand; bud-worms have played havoc with it during the late cold snap.

Cotton is recuperating slowly from the effects of the late frost. Fruit does not seem to have suffered from the effects of the frost, except figs, which were killed.

Tobacco transplanting is being pushed by Col. McCutchen and Dr. J. S. Cunningham, whom, I think, are the only tobacco planters left in this section.

If the county supervisor will travel the road from Indiantown P. O. to Rhems, his nervous system will have to be very strong, or it will be, shocked. The road is plowed up; corn and cotton planted in it. Now I am one of these who thinks it folly to work the bad places in the road, when all the high good places are plowed up and made as rough as driving across a field. There is room right here for "reform," will some trusted "leader" take a hint?

The County Record, \$1 a year.

## THE LATE JOS. B. CHANDLER.

A Tribute to Him by an Old School Mate.

Col. John P. Thomas, of Columbia, who attended the citadel at the same time the late Maj. Jos. B. Chandler did, wrote and had published in the Columbia State the following tribute to Maj. Chandler last week:

The surviving members of the Citadel class of 1851 are again called upon to lament the death of an esteemed comrade—J. B. Chandler. Born in Sumter county, S. C., Dec. 14, 1827, Major Chandler died at his home in Williamsburg county April 20, 1897. Removing to Williamsburg after his graduation from the South Carolina Military academy, he at once engaged in farming. When the war came on he entered the service, and for four years did his duty to the State and the Confederacy.

After the close of the war, Maj. Chandler resumed the pursuit of the farmer, which he followed with marked success. For 43 years he maintained, with mutual satisfaction, business relations with the well-known firm of E. H. Frost & Co.

Having won the confidence of the community in which he resided, he was elected to represent his county for several terms in the popular branch of the general assembly. His career as a legislator was one useful to the State and honorable to him. He served on the committee of ways and means, where he impressed his fellow members with his good judgment and his fine sense of truth and justice.

The element of religion was influential in his nature and in his life. A Christian man, devoted to the church, in which he served long as one of its elders, he spent his years, as we are informed by one who knew him well, in doing good to others.

Gravity of character and of deportment was one of Chandler's traits, and this was linked with dignity of bearing and excellence of conduct.

In his death the State loses one of its best citizens, and his Alma Mater one of her worthiest sons.

## JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever In One Day.

Ask the sheriff what "Pride of Darlington" is. For sale by W. G. Elwell & Co.

## Proclamation!

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

WHEREAS information has been received at this Department that an atrocious Murder was committed in the County of Williamsburg on or about the 17th day of April, 1897, upon the body of two Italians by party or parties unknown and that the said party or parties have fled from justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. H. ELLERBE, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that justice may be done, and the majesty of the law vindicated, do hereby offer a reward of One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension, delivery and conviction of the party or parties to the Sheriff of Williamsburg county at Kingstree, S. C.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia, this third day of May, A. D. 1897, and in the one hundred and twenty-first year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. H. ELLERBE, By the Governor: D. H. TOMPKINS, Secretary of State.